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SUBJECT: ZAIRE'S POL PROBLEM

REF: KINSHASA 7154

1. WILLIAMS OF MOBIL OIL REPORTS THAT TANKER LEFT BREGA, LIBYA FOR MATADI AUGUST 5 WITH CRUDE SUFFICIENT TO MEET ZAIRE'S NEED FOR ABOUT A MONTH. HE WASN'T SURE WHETHER LIBYANS HAD PROVIDED CREDIT OR ZAIRE HAD PAID CASH.
2. RE MOBIL'S OWN EFFORTS TO FIND BANKER INTERESTED IN "GUARANTEEING" DEFERRED PAYMENT FOR POL SALES TO ZAIRE, WILLIAMS SAID SPINK APPROACHED NITZE IN KINSHASA EARLIER THIS WEEK AND SHOWED MORE INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY THAN FNCB HAD DISPLAYED THERETOFORE. WHEN AMB. VANCE TALKED WITH WEHRMAN OF FNCB AUGUST 5 (VANCE HAD CALLED ABOUT INGA-SHABA LOAN DRAWING), WEHRMAN ALSO INDICATED POSSIBLE INTEREST IN FINANCING POL IN VIEW ZAIRE'S APPARENT MOVEMENT TOWARD IMF. WILLIAMS IS LEAVING THE ACTION TO NITZE IN KINSHASA FOR THE MOMENT.

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3. WHEN DEPTOFF CALLED WILLIAMS AT BEGINNING OF WEEK TO

RELAY BISENGIMANA COMMENTS REPORTED REFTTEL, WILLIAMS SAID HE HAD ALREADY HAD REPORT FROM NITZE, WHO WOULD TRY TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH MPEYE. WILLIAMS APPRECIATED CHARGE'S EFFORTS TO DO SAME WITH BISENGIMANA. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF COMPENSATION WITH KITENGE HE HAD SAID ONLY THAT MOBIL WOULD WANT A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING, NOT DETAILED AGREEMENT, ON COMPENSATION BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY POL CREDIT ARRANGEMENT.

4. WILLIAMS REPORTED MOBIL NOW STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF ACCOMMODATING PETROZAIRE REQUEST FOR SUPPLYING SHABA WITH POL THROUGH BEIRA. NO CREDIT REQUESTED THIS CONNECTION. KISSINGER

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